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FOR AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARROP AND EDMONDSON

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1. ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING ASPECTS OF RECENT CONSULTATIONS WAS THE UNIFORMLY HIGH PRIORITY ACCORDED THROUGHOUT THE USG TO IMPROVING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF LIBERATION LEADERS, ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS IN THIS REGION. PAUCITY OF INFORMATION AND DIFFICULTY OF ACCESS, ESPECIALLY TO SOUTH AFRICANS, WAS A SOURCE OF REPEATED CONCERN EXTENDING, I WAS TOLD, TO HIGHEST LEVELS OF USG.

2. REFLECTING THIS CONCERN, MEASURES HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE COVERAGE FROM BOTSWANA. DUTIES OF CHARGE AND PAO IN MASERU HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY REVISED. THIS MESSAGE IS TO NOTE THAT SIGNIFICANT UNEXPLOITED OPENINGS EXIST HERE IN SWAZILAND TO IMPROVE THIS KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING AND TO OUTLINE A REAL POSSIBILITY OF DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

3. THE POSSIBILITY STEMS FROM THE REMARKABLE GOOD GOS, STUDENT AND POLICE CONTACTS AND INVESTAGATIVE TALENTS OF IRO HOWEARD PERLOW WHO IS DUE TO TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT IN JULY. WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO FREE PERLOW FROM HIS ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL/CONSULAR
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DUTIES DURING HIS FINAL FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS HERE, I.E., BEGINNING EARLY JUNE 1978, PRIOR TO SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF HIS SUCCESSOR EARLY JULY. BECAUSE CHARGE AND PERLOW ARE THE ONLY TWO OFFICERS AT POST, A REPLACEMENT IS REQUIRED.

4. TWO OPTIONS COME TO MIND: A) ACCELERATE ARRIVAL OF REPLACEMENT, JAMES MORIARTY, FROM RABAT; THIS WOULD NO DOUBT

INTRODUCE NEW AND COMPLEX CONSIDERATIONS ON RABAT END;
B) BRING IN AN FSO ON TDY FOR FIVE OR SIX WEEKS TO ENABLE
PERLOW TO UNDERTAKE THE SURVEY AND ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICAN
ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMS AND LEADERS OPERATING IN SWAZILAND.

5. THE MODEST INVESTMENT INVOLVED WOULD, I AM CONVINCED,
PAY GREAT DIVIDENDS IN TERMS OF (A) DEVELOPING DEFINITIVE
DATA ABOUT THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS' ACTIVITY IN SWAZILAND, (B) ACQUIRING FACTUAL
INFORMATION ON A KEY ELEMENT IN GOS-SAG RELATIONS; (C) GIVING
US FIRM BASIS FOR ACCELERATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS EFFORT IN THIS
COUNTRY.

6. COMMENT: I REALIZE ABOVE SUGGESTION REQUIRES EXTRAORDINARY
MEASURES AND UNUSUAL DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE SYSTEM. I
AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE WOULD BE MORE THAN COMPENSATED BY
THE RESULTS PROMISED BY SUCH A SURVEY. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT YOU MIGHT OFFER.
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